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The Honorable
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C. 25X1A9A

Re: [REDACTED] 25X1A9A
v. United States
Court of Claims No. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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Your communication of 28 May 1952 to the Judge Advocate General of the Army, with two copies of the petition of [REDACTED] filed in the Court of Claims on 21 May 1952, has been referred for reply to this office which has custody of the pertinent records.

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This matter is currently receiving attention, and in the meantime, contact with this office may be made, if desired, with [REDACTED] who may be reached by telephone on Code 143, Extension 621

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]
Executive Officer

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Re: [REDACTED] v. United States
Court of Claims No [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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This Unit has reviewed the petition of Mr. [REDACTED] in the United States Court of Claims, filed [REDACTED] which was transmitted by the Assistant Attorney General to the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army under date of May 28, 1952. As you were previously advised, this matter which relates to a transaction between the plaintiff ([REDACTED] and the Office of Strategic Services, was referred to this office for appropriate attention.

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The Office of Strategic Services was abolished by Executive Order 5621, effective October 1, 1945, and except for certain transfers to the State Department, the personnel, funds, and records of the Office of Strategic Services were transferred to the War Department. Effective at the same date, there was organized, semi-autonomous organization under the direction of the Under Secretary of the Army. The records pertaining to the instant claim are, therefore, technically War Department records in the custody of the Strategic Services Unit, which was subsequently liquidated except for certain record purposes. Therefore, this Unit has the basic records pertaining to the photographic negatives, the subject of [REDACTED] petition.

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There are attached hereto enclosures numbered 1 through 26, being copies of correspondence contained in the records in the custody of this Unit and pertaining to the subject matter of Mr. [REDACTED] petition. As will be apparent, the photographic negatives were lost, misplaced, or destroyed while being employed in connection with activities of the Office of Strategic Services and attempts to arrive at a mutually satisfactory settlement were unfruitful.

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While this Unit feels that Mr. [REDACTED] is entitled to a reasonable settlement in connection with his claim, attention is invited to the fact that the value placed by him on the negatives in question (\$7,600.00) was considered excessive by the Office of Strategic Services.

A review of the pertinent records of the Office of Strategic Services indicates that there are no counter-claims, set-offs, or other demands of record which would furnish the basis of a cross action against the claimant.

If any further information is desired in connection with this matter please advise us.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ [REDACTED]
Executive Officer, SSU

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